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Thank you for your email of 1 October 2025 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"Under the Official Information Act, please supply a list of all formal briefings sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade between 1-30 September 2025."

Between 1-30 September 2025, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) provided 73 briefings to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

A list of the 41 briefing titles able to be released is attached as Appendix One.

A further 32 briefing titles are withheld in full under the following sections of the OIA: 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government;

- 6(b)(i): to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis;
- 6(d): to endanger the safety of any person;
- 7(a)(iv): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of the Ross Dependency;
- 9(2)(f)(iv): to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials, and
- 9(2)(j): to avoid prejudice to negotiations.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

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Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone
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Nāku noa, nā

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Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Appendix One

List of Briefings sent from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to the Minister of Foreign Affairs between 1 September and 30 September 2025.			
No.	Date Of Dispatch	Category	Subject
1.	1/09/2025	Informal Note	Informal Note — Invitation for New Zealand Parliament Engagement with NATO Parliamentary Assembly
2.	3/09/2025	Submission	Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons: selection of a new Director-General
3.	3/09/2025	Submission	New Zealand's approach to the International Atomic Energy Agency's 69th General Conference
4.	4/09/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — Going For Growth Trade and Investment Ministerial Group (Tuesday 9 September 2025)
5.	4/09/2025	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: Pasi Rajala (Pasi Rayala), State Secretary to Finnish Foreign Minister Elina Valtonen and Defence Minister Antti Häkkinen
6.	4/09/2025	Brief for Event	Event Brief – Fiji New Zealand usin s Co ncil and New Zealand Fiji Business Council Annual Joint Conference
7.	4/09/2025	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: Bilateral Meeting with Fijian Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Manoa Kamikamica
8.	4/09/2025	Brief for Event	Event Brief – Fiji New Zealand Business Council and New Zealand Fiji Business Council Annual Joint Conference Dinner
9.	4/09/2025	Brief for Meeting	Briefing for call: La'aulialemalietoa, Prime Minister-elect of Samoa
10.	4/09/2025	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: Luamanuvao Dame Winnie Laban [Trustee, Fale Malae Trust]
11.	5/09/2025	Submission	Cook Islands: Relationship Developments
12.	5/09/2025	Brief for Travel	Prime Minister Rt Hon Christopher Luxon Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting & Events Briefing, 8-12 September 2025
13.	5/09/2025	Brief for Travel	Prime Minister Rt Hon Christopher Luxon Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting, Background Briefing, 9-12 September 2025
14.	5/09/2025	Submission	DART Buoys - Costed extension until new operating model in place
15.	8/09/2025	Brief for Meeting	Call with Australian Deputy Prime Minister, Hon Richard Marles, and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon Penny Wong
16.	9/09/2025	Brief for Meeting	Dinner with Australian High Commissioner, Daniel Sloper
17.	9/09/2025	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: HE Mohamed Trabelsi , Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia

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18.	9/09/2025	Brief for Travel	Prime Minister Rt Hon Christopher Luxon Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting, Supplementary Briefing, 9-12 September 2025
19.	9/09/2025	Submission	MFAT 2024-25 Annual Report and IDC Report
20.	9/09/2025	Submission	Universal Postal union resolution on Palestine's participation
21.	9/09/2025	Cabinet Paper	Proposed Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters - 21 to 28 September 2025
22.	10/09/2025	Informal Note	Informal Note — Activity-based review of IDC Programme: report back on implementation; and allocation of Budget 25 funding
23.	10/09/2025	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: Bilateral Meeting with Fijian Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Manoa Kamikamica (updated)
24.	11/09/2025	Informal Note	Informal Note — Release of findings of T Puni Kōkiri's Whānau Ora funding Independent Reviews
25.	11/09/2025	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: Fijian Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Manoa Kamikamica
26.	11/09/2025	Brief for Meeting	Event Brief – Fiji New Zealand Business Council and New Zealand Fiji Business Council Annual Joint Conference Dinner (updated)
27.	11/09/2025	Submission	Credentials: Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
28.	15/09/2025	Submission	20th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species: Credentials
29.	16/09/2025	Submission	Further humanitarian support for Gaza and the West Bank and capability strengthening for the Palestinian Authority
30.	16/09/2025	Cabinet Paper	Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Dr Shane Reti – October 2025
31.	16/09/2025	Brief for Travel	OVERSEAS VISIT BY THE HONOURABLE DR SHANE RETI MINISTER FOR PACIFIC PEOPLES TO THE 14TH CONFERENCE OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY (SPC) NUKU'ALOFA, TONGA 16-18 OCTOBER 2025
32.	17/09/2025	Submission	Disruption and Fragmentation - New Zealand's Response to a Shifting Multilateral System
33.	17/09/2025	Submission	United Nations General Assembly 2025: First Committee on Disarmament and International Security
34.	17/09/2025	Cabinet Paper	Report on Overseas Travel Rt Hon Winston Peters – August 2025

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35.	18/09/2025	Submission	Antarctica: 44th meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) 2025 priorities
36.	18/09/2025	Submission	RCEP – Strategic Direction and Accessions
37.	18/09/2025	Submission	APEC Economic Leaders' Week, 27 October – 1 November: Participation of Non-Officials
38.	19/09/2025	Submission	Informal Note for Minister of Foreign Affairs—Guardians of New Zealand Superannuation Legal Proceedings
39.	24/09/2025	Submission	Antarctica: Appointment of Officers of the Ross Dependency 2025
40.	29/09/2025	Submission	Proposed New Fees for Asia New Zealand Foundation Chair and Board Members
41.	29/09/2025	Submission	The Pacific Community (SPC): Appointment of a new Director-General

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